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Before we begin today, I want to bring forward an essential Christian law:

> **" ... Because to you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Government of the Heavens, but it has not been given to those. For whoever has, to him it will be given, and he will have abundance. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him"** (Matthew 13:11-12 AST).

In these words, Jesus tells us how the operation of the Mentality of Separation (Holy Spirit) and the Baptism of Fire works. The Holy Spirit will give you a truth. If you believe that truth and act on that truth, then He will give you more truth. But if you hide that truth and you do not act on that truth, He will take truth away from you and give it to someone else. The reader should also know that where you say "No" to the teaching of the Holy Spirit of Truth is also where you stop the cycle of growth; and if you ever get the opportunity to resume your growing in the favor and the knowledge, you will have to pick up where you left off. But let us not tempt the Lord our God. Let us be faithful students, because we are not promised tomorrow, and today is the day of salvation.

Growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord is not a complicated issue. You may not at this hour have all of the truth, but if you stand and act on the truth that you have and you obey God and study His Word unto His approval, then the Living God has promised that He will lead and

perfect you into all truth, and the standard of that perfection is the Living Word of the persuasion that has once and for all been delivered. Today, we are going to look at the modern controversy about speaking in tongues. It is not necessary to go back to the second and third century and talk about the "Holy Rollers." I will simply say that the controversy is not new. Before we begin, I want you to know that, according to prophecy, God has given us a new language in the Christian administration, and that new language is the language of truth, the language that all the sons of God must learn to speak correctly. This is the language that we speak in the Government of God; that is to say, Heaven. I also want you to know that one illusion or delusion, or the believing of one great lie, is no more damnable than any of the other great lies or strong illusions that the Diabolical One (the Devil or Satan) has sent in the last two thousand years.

The strong delusion of tongue-speaking, built upon the subjective philosophy of emotionalism, is only one of a great number of strong delusions that we must separate ourselves from and overcome as God's divine race. What I am saying is that one strong delusion sent by God in His permissive will to damn the stiff-necked disobedient is not necessarily more evil than another strong delusion or damnable lie. So, today, as we consider this subject, I want you to grab hold of the Rock and be anchored by the Word of God and be perfected in the favor and knowledge so that you may be a mature ruler in the true Israel of God. My friends, the day is not so far off that many of you will claim thousands to the perfection of the

Spirit of Separation. So, while I am with you, I want you to understand your lessons well.

In many languages throughout the world, the words *tongue* and *language* are synonymous and interchangeable. This is especially true in the English language. In the second chapter of Acts, this fact is brought forth in the original Greek. In Strong's Greek Dictionary of the New Testament, page 11, γλοσσας (glossas) is listed as word number 1100. It is said to mean *the tongue, by implication a language*. It carries with it the meaning in the second chapter of Acts as being a language, one not naturally acquired; in other words, a secondary language. By doctrinal implication, from an allegorical point-of-view, the *tongue* or *language* that the Christian must learn to speak is the tongue of truth, regardless of what language or dialect the truth may be explained in. However, generally, the meaning of the word is *language*. But the word carries with it a dual application. It may refer either to the origin of speech, coming from the speaker, or the language that is spoken. Let us notice both verses 6 and 8 of the second chapter of Acts.

In verse 6, we read that the multitude **"were confounded because they each heard them speaking in his own dialect"** (AST). They found themselves in a state of confused amazement because every man heard the Apostles speak in his own language. In verse 8 we read:

> **"And do we hear each in our own dialect in which we were born ..."** (AST).

The significance here is that two different Greek words were used in these verses for the

translated word *dialect*. Let us notice that the writer felt completely free to interchange the two Greek words – *glossa* and *dilictos*. *Glossa* has typically been rendered either as *language* or *tongue* in most English translations. The same holds true with *dilictos*. Both may be translated either way. Here we find *glossa* is translated as *dialect* in the AST, which is a more precise and correct translation. In each rendering, it obviously refers to a known, intelligible spoken language. Therefore, it becomes obvious that those men represented every known nation on earth in the first century who were gathered in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. They were thoroughly amazed and shocked because they heard Peter preaching in their own dialect and in their different languages. It truly takes on supernatural ramifications when we understand that there were possibly 16 different representative languages present on that day. Peter was able to communicate with each of them directly and in their own language.

Peter is characterized as a Galilean, and he spoke primarily Greek, in addition to a dialect of Arabic, and he possibly had a knowledge of common Hebrew. This may be going past warranted assumption, since he was a simple fisherman and an uneducated man. Whether this may be or not, we may rest assure that Peter was not proficient in 16 different languages and an untold number of dialects.

Let us recap for a moment. When Pentecost was fully come they were all gathered with one accord in one place; that is, they were in a house in Jerusalem. Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as a rushing mighty wind. It filled all the house where they were sitting. The experience

came from heaven, not from men. It filled the entire house, that is, everyone that was in the house, and blew upon them where they were sitting. They were not standing with out-stretched hands nor chanting nor begging to be filled with the Spirit. The power of God descended upon those people in that house in accordance with the prophesy and promise of Jesus Christ. The text more than justifies the conclusion that there were more than the Apostles within the house. In all probability the 70 were with the 12. We know from the context that there were other Disciples of Christ present, specifically, women.

The writer expresses a great truth in verse 3 in figurative language:

> **"And tongues as of fire appeared on them, being distributed, and it sat on each one of them"** (Acts 2:3 AST).

This was a supernatural visual effect, visible to all present. It is reasonable to assume that God made use of natural phenomenon to create a "supernatural" effect. In our world today there is natural phenomenon. For example, there is the just recently explained phenomenon of ball lightening, which my youngest son has actually witnessed. In addition to this there is a phenomenon called St. Elmo's Fire, which has the effect to make cattle appear to be on fire just prior to a thunderstorm. That which took place in the house where the Disciples of Christ were gathered on Pentecost was closely akin to the effect of static electricity on cattle. This burning light is described as *tongues as of fire*. Here the word tongues has nothing to do

with language. It is descriptive of leaping flames. Now let us notice verse 4:

> **"And they were all filled of the Mentality of Separation, and began to speak in other tongues, as the Mentality gave them to speak"** (Acts 2:4 AST).

Thus, we see that it was the Spirit of God that gave these men and women their ability to speak other languages. It is clear that God manipulated natural phenomenon on the birthday of the New Covenant Nation of the Lord. This is not to say that God had not previously breathed upon His apostles, because we know that He did. It is rather the birthday of the Church collectively and formally, because it is that day that God sent the Wind of Heaven upon all the congregation and the breath of eternal life was blown into their collective body, the Body Politic. The Body of Christ came to its feet. From that moment on, God was no longer working with a skeleton crew, for on that day God began taking out of Israel the men and women who would become attached to the Rock, hard bones which God had moistened and energized with the Water of the Word of God, which is able to pierce even the bone marrow. He began to form the muscle that animated the body of Christ with the strength and power to turn the world upside down. Of such muscle was the Apostle Paul, whose later conversion would make him the chief muscle of the right arm of the Body of Christ. It is on that day that He caused the Wind of Heaven to blow upon them, producing miraculous effects, but please note that he used natural phenomena within the perimeters of the laws of nature.

The true miracle of Pentecost is not necessarily seen in the Eternal's manipulation of natural phenomenon, but rather in the ability of the Disciples to speak the new tongue of truth boldly. The Word of the Lord, that is, His true Spirit, is a consuming fire. The words, concepts, ideas, and doctrines that came from the mouths of the Disciples of Christ were a consuming fire. Because they were speaking the language of heaven, the language of truth, fire came out of their mouths. In addition to this they were a united brotherhood of one mind and one accord and one purpose. This is the true miracle of Pentecost.

> **"And Judeans were living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation of those under the Heaven"** (Acts 2:5 AST).

Notice carefully that what has happened to the Apostles was not premeditated. It came upon them unexpectedly. They knew the Lord had prophesied He would send His Spirit, but they did not know when. Notice that the men who were attracted to this supernatural visual phenomenon are described in verse 5 as **"devout men from every nation of those under the Heaven."** This means that they were monotheistic, law-keeping Judeans and Israelite proselytes. They were there to participate in rituals. Let us notice carefully that these men were of the Diaspora, the so-called lost tribes of Israel, and it was to these people that Christ had come to proclaim the good news of the favor of God and the establishment of the Anointed Nation. Continuing to verse 6:

"And this sound occurring, the multitude came together and were confounded because they each heard them speaking in his own dialect" (Acts 2:6 AST).

When the Holy Spirit fell upon the Apostles, they began to speak with other languages. The quiet assembly became rather loud. Initially, the noise they were making aroused the curiosity of passers-by. The news began to spread that something was happening at the house of the Apostles. Then a great crowd was gathered. Luke describes this crowd as being confounded or confused. They were troubled in mind. Verse 7:

"... and [they] were amazed and marveled, saying, 'Behold, are not all of these, those speaking, Galileans?" (Acts 2:7 AST).

It becomes important for us to understand that the language spoken by the Galileans was Koine Greek. The next verse is a very revealing verse, because it tells us by implication that God deals in perfection.

"And do we hear each in our own dialect in which we were born ..." (Acts 2:8 AST).

The most precise translation here for the word typically translated *tongue*, is the word *dialect*. It is preferable even to the word *language*. The actual Greek word translated here is the word διλακτος (dilactos). The Apostles were not only speaking these men's languages, but they were also speaking to them in a perfect dialect. For example, in the United States, it is said that there are seven basic

regional dialects of English. There is a vast difference in the way a Northerner or a Westerner talks in comparison to a Southerner. I am a Southerner from East Tennessee, but I have found it difficult to understand some white men from South Carolina. Therefore, dialect connotes the way in which we accent the same language. More than this, there is difference in regional expressions. For example, we East Tennesseeans often say "everwhat" and in West Tennessee they say "whatever".

The disciples not only spoke their languages but spoke their dialects perfectly. This incident can be characterized only of a miracle because it would have literally taken years of study and practice for the Disciples of Christ to have learned all the language behavior that they perfectly executed on the Day of Pentecost. Therefore, the Bible ascribes the hearers as troubled in mind and amazed. Now, verses 9-11 list the countries or regions from where these men came.

> **"... Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and those inhabiting Mesopotamia, both Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, both Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Lybia over against Cyrene, and the temporarily residing Romans, both Judeans and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians; we hear them speaking the great deeds of God in our own tongue?"** (Acts 2:9-11 AST).

These verses tell us that the Disciples were preaching that day of the finished work of Jesus Christ.

"And all were amazed and puzzled, saying to one another, 'What would you wish this to be?' But others, mocking, said, 'They are full of sweet wine'" (Acts 2:12-13 AST).

The good news of the New Covenant Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ caused these devout Israelites from all over the known world to doubt their own religion. Yet the men causing that doubt were obviously under direction and authority. In effect, these men asked, *"What is going on here? What is the meaning of this?"* Then some of the seedy Jew mongrels in the crowd sought to mock the Disciples. They contributed their ability to alcohol or to being drunk. Let us notice carefully that the accusation against them for having been drinking was not spoken against them because of their actions or the way in which they were behaving.

It is clear from the context that the Disciples of our Lord were taking turns preaching. This is an important point, because it explains how this small band of Greek-speaking Galilean white men were able to perfectly speak in all the different languages and dialects represented. The Bible does not specifically say that Scynthians and Barbarians or Germanics were present, but the geography implies it. The point is that it was a team effort; they were all of one mind and one accord, preaching the same thing. Again, this was the true miracle of Pentecost, a living breathing brotherhood was fused into a powerful, single witness. Then the accusation of drunkenness was brought against the Disciples, to which Peter begins his speech in response.

"But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke out to them, 'Men, Judeans, and all those inhabiting Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words: For these [*men*] are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is the third hour of the day ..." (Acts 2:14-15 AST).

With these words Peter lets the audience know that the Disciples of the Lord were law-keepers. The accusation carried with it the implied meaning that the Disciples were law-breakers. It was against the law to be drunk that early in the morning. The verse shows that Peter understood the diabolical designs behind their charge. Their real intention was to change the subject and issues from Jesus Christ and Him crucified to hypocritical Christians. Anyone that has ever tried to win a lost person to the Lord Jesus Christ has experienced the same tactic. Peter stands to his feet in verse 16 and answers their questions. Peter says:

"... but this is that thing which has been spoken through the prophet Joel, 'And it will be' in the last days, God says, 'I will pour from My Mentality on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams, and on My male slaves and on My female slaves, in those days I will pour out My Mentality, and they will prophesy. And I will give wonders in the heaven above, and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and notable day of the

Master. And it will be that everyone, whoever calls on the authority of the Master, will be saved" (Acts 2:16-21 AST).

Peter began his sermon by quoting the prophet Joel. Peter said that what was taking place at Pentecost was in fulfillment of prophecy, not only of Joel but of the Lord Jesus Christ. The question that this presents for you and I in the 21st century is, How many times must a prophecy be fulfilled before it is fulfilled? Let us look closely at this prophecy of Joel. Joel uses the expression **"And it will be,"** but Peter gives the time frame when he qualifies it as **"the last days"** (Acts 2:17). This fact tells us that the subject of Joel's prophecy would have its fulfillment in the last days. Therefore, we ask, What was to happen in the last days?

First, we notice that God promised to pour out His Spirit upon all flesh in those days. The *all flesh* is in specific reference to the true physical seed of Abraham. Abraham was an Adamic white man. We are told to identify the out-pouring of God's Spirit. Notice in the text, it would result in these things being done:

"... your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams, and on My male slaves and on My female slaves, in those days I will pour out My Mentality, and they will prophesy" (Acts 2:17-18 AST).

Did this happen? Read the Book of Acts. Clearly, the pouring out of God's Spirit had specific reference to the miraculous gifts of the

Spirit, given during the immature period of the New Testament Church of Jesus Christ. Someone may ask, "Pastor Herrell, does it not say *all flesh*?" Indeed it does. The term *all flesh* denotes the giving of these gifts to believing Judeans of that period and all the nations that the Adamics had been assimilated into. The Bible says in Romans 10:12:

> **"For there is no difference, both of Judean and of Greek, for the same Master of all is rich toward all the ones calling on Him. For everyone, 'whoever may call on the authority of the Master, will be saved'"** (AST).

The popular Judeo philosophers state that the term *all flesh* of this prophesy is limited to Pentecost and the house of Cornelius, where they presume the Baptism of the Spirit was given in the first instance to the Judeans, the Apostles, and in the second instance to the Gentiles, Cornelius and his house. However, Scripture reveals that there are several errors in this view.

First, it assumes that Cornelius and his house received the Baptism of the Spirit, as did the Apostles on Pentecost. This is an unapproved assumption. In the conversion of Cornelius there was no rushing mighty wind or leaping flames, in the literal sense. Whether or not Cornelius stood to his feet and reverted to his birth language and the praising of God is immaterial. What is important is that he spoke the language of truth, that he produced the fruits of separation, that his tongue became the fire of the Lord. This fact alone is the supreme test of true conversion, and declares whether or not a man has been breathed upon by

the wind of truth. In the conversion of Cornelius and his house, we have the picture of a bilingual Cornelius receiving the truth from Peter. Therefore, the implication is that Peter declared the truth to Cornelius in the common or Koine Greek and Cornelius related it to his household in his native language of Latin.

This is the most warranted conclusion when we realize that Peter was a guest in Cornelius' house, and that in the first century a rigid code of honor existed regarding a man's home. Peter would in no way have violated the rigid customs of honoring Cornelius' right and position as head of his house. This code of honor was not distorted until the corrupters of the Gospel of Jesus Christ began distorting the government structure of the Church of God toward the end of the first century. In the days of the Apostles, a man's household was his sacred responsibility.

The "same gift" (Acts 11:17) that the nations were to receive, as indicated in Peter's visit to Cornelius' home does not necessarily mean a "like measure of power of the Spirit" as received by the apostles. The "same gift" is in reference to the Mentality of Separation, which allowed Cornelius to speak the tongue of truth, and which was within itself sufficient evidence that God had accepted the white nations into the Anointed Nation. There is no textual evidence to suggest that Cornelius was granted the gift of speaking in different dialects that the Apostles received on the Day of Pentecost.

Second, it is erroneous to assume the "pouring out of God's Spirit" in Joel 2 is limited to the baptismal measure. When the text brings forth the idea of gifts of the Spirit, i.e. prophesy, it is not confined to Pentecost and the house of Cornelius.

It involves sons and daughters; young men and old men; servants and handmaidens. This denotes a diversity of the gifts of the Spirit and the receiving of them that correlates Joel 2 with the miraculous gifts of the church, especially as discussed by Paul in I Corinthians 12.

But when would this outpouring of the Spirit transpire? Joel said in the last days. Peter affirmed that Pentecost was the beginning of that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel in Acts 2:16. How long would it continue? Joel said it would happen in the last days. If the last days refer to the eighth day Christian age, as some so affirm, we may well expect miraculous gifts throughout the Christian dispensation, but some may reply that Joel only meant the first days of the last days. Such rationalization is totally unapproved by the Scriptures. Where did Joel say "in the first days of the last days, God would pour out His Spirit?" Maybe he meant "in the last days of the last days," as is implied and taught by the modern tongue speakers.

The real question here is, What is it that God would pour out in the last days, when the sons of God would finish the purpose of their Father, and the will of the Father would be done on earth as it is in heaven? The gifts to the Church continue. So, first, what is meant by last days? Second, what is the nature of the gifts, what is their purpose? Would not that which was complete be mature? The trouble enters in the perversion of these terms.

The fact is the last days never referred to the eighth day Christian economy or eighth day man, that is, the complete heavenly body and government in its spiritual completion. The eighth

day economy does not have general last days, because it is an eternal government that the gates of hell cannot prevail against. It does, however, have its last times in a cycle sense. The Church Militant is appointed unto cycles of rest and tribulation while it as a body becomes of one mind and one accord upon the Word of God, energized with the same baptism of Pentecost, acting upon the authority of the Living God, vanquishing the enemies of Christ and establishing the will of God on Earth as it is in Heaven. While it has last times, its time will never end. Thus, the last days referred to the order or economy of the apostles, the seventh day men in transition, as opposed to the new order or economy of the eighth day man, that is, the established, eternal, spiritual kingdom of Jesus Christ. The "last days" always refers to the closing period of the Jewish age, which was from Pentecost to the fall of Jerusalem, which marked the end of the Jewish economy in 70 AD. This was when the prophecies of Christ and the faith or persuasion of the Christian Church was vindicated and displayed to be justified and to be the true authority of the Living God. God used the natural phenomenon of the Roman legions to work His will and vindicate the reputation of His Appointed Savior. In that time, there was indeed smoke and fire. A study of the history reveals that the sun was darkened, and so Joel's prophecy was totally completed by 70 AD. Please see my book, *The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ: A Verse by Verse Exegesis*, which further explains the fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy, as well as *Christian Separatist Eschatological and Epiphanological Teachings.*

Therefore, it carries a dual meaning or principle. While the principle is consistent, its

application is different as it refers to different orders or economical dispensations. This seventh day dispensation was a period of time when God poured out His Spirit upon all flesh. This pouring out was in miraculous measure of the Spirit in the form of special gifts (I Corinthians 12:4). These gifts were given during the "last days" of the Apostolic order, only until that which was perfect or complete had come (I Corinthians 13:10). They served the purpose of bringing the Church and the common faith to maturity or perfection in Christ. The last days were the maturing period or childhood days of the Church as the Body of Christ, not necessarily of the individuals or cells of the body. It is during this time that a change was being made from one order or economy to a better order or economy (I Corinthians 13:11-13), an incorruptible government ruled by and composed of the spirits of just men made perfect, and beyond the corruption or the prevailing against of the kingdom of Hell. These truths do not do away with the fact that the eighth day dispensation Christians do not have to go through the seventh day Sabbath Man, the Lord Jesus Christ. All Christian believers must enter the rest of Christ in order to enter the eighth day economy.

Therefore, we see that the pouring out of the Spirit, that is, the wind of God that blew the water of life in Joel 2, corresponds to the earnestness of the Spirit. The word "earnestness" means pledge or guarantee. In general usage it came to denote a pledge or earnest of any sort. In the New Testament it is used only of that which is assured by God to believers. It is said of the Holy Spirit as the divine pledge of all their future blessedness (II Corinthians 1:22; 5:5; Ephesians 1:14), and is

the pledge of sealing received upon the first day of salvation, although there are many fillings of the Anointed and renewing fire of the mind thereafter in the Baptism of Fire each day of salvation. *Gift of the Spirit* is in peculiar reference to their eternal inheritance, both physical and spiritual.

Let us read in Acts 2:38-39:

> **"And Peter [said] to them, 'Repent,' [he said,] 'and be baptized, each of you, on the authority of Jesus Anointed to forgiveness of your failures. And you will receive the gift of the Separating Mentality"** (AST).

Baptism would place them in a position to receive the gift of the Spirit. John the Baptist had stated that Jesus would baptize them in the Mentality of Separation and fire. The earnestness of the Spirit, involving special gifts, was given to assure redemption of the purchased possession, that is, the true Israel of God. The promise of Joel was **"to you and your children, even to all those at a distance, as many as the Master our God may call"** (Acts 2:39 AST). Here he is speaking of the posterity of all who believed the good news of the racial favor and message of the Christian Gospel. It is the same promise made to Abraham and his seed, which would be fulfilled when the rival persecutors, the Babylonian Jews, were cast out of the household of God. This is not to say they were ever actually a part of the household of God, but that they had usurped and were in control of that economy prior to 70 AD, just as cosmopolitan, Judeo, antichrist "Christians" have also sought to usurp the authority of Christ in the churches for

the last 1900 years. A dead man is a dead man no matter where you put his casket.

> **"For the promise was not through law to Abraham, or to his seed, for him to be the heir of the world, but through a justification of persuasion"** (Rom. 4:13 AST).

By the decree of God, the world belongs to white Christians. What world or earth was promised to Abraham and his seed? The one by the justification of persuasion, not by the law, in reference to the Mosaic law. Had that world, that is, the *kosmos*, better translated *world order*, come on the Day of Pentecost? The answer is yes and no. Had it come when Peter wrote II Peter 3:13? The answer is no. But they were looking for it.

> **"But according to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which dwells justice"** (II Peter 3:13 AST).

When were this new heavens and new earth to come? The answer is, when the old heaven and old earth passed away (Revelation 21:1-2). When did the old heaven pass? The answer is in 70 AD. This was the end of the Jewish age, the Jewish world order of two thousand years ago (Hebrews 8:13), which brought the promise or the gift of the Holy Spirit. Baptism placed both believing Israelite Judean and Gentile or Adamic nations in a position of authority as the sons of God to inherit the promise of the new heaven and the new earth of the order of Mt. Zion. That was the issue then and that is the issue of authority today as the Jews seek to reestablish a Jewish world order.

We received the new heaven, the authority of the Government of the Most High God in 70 AD, and in the last two thousand years, the Christian Anointed Nation as the Church Militant, the battle-axe of God, has been fighting for the dominion of the Earth. Wherein the Church dwells in the world (but is not of the world), justice does dwell in the earth. When we look forward in our present truth to a new earth, we are looking forward to the day when the last enemy, the institutionalized death of the Jewish Talmudic philosophy, and all its offspring, is destroyed. That is the duty of the Church today.

In addition to this, there is also the sense that the earth did pass away in the sense that Christ did indeed conquer the last enemy, death, with His resurrection, and in the sense of the establishment of the eternal kingdom when the seed of Satan were executed by the Romans, but we must remember that they were not completely annihilated. God knew that this would happen, he knew that their Satanic political/religious philosophy would infect the nation of the Khazars, as it had already infected the Grecians, and that evil would multiply. But truth in due season was promised. I do not have time to develop this, but let me say our bodies are earthen vessels, and in this present truth each son of God's physical body is the Lord's portion.

"For you are all sons of God through persuasion in Anointed Jesus. For as many as were baptized into the Anointed, you put on the Anointed. There is neither Judean nor Greek; neither slave nor freeman; neither male nor female; for you are all one in Anointed

Jesus. And if you are of the Anointed, then you are seed of Abraham, even heirs according to the promise" (Acts 3:26-29 AST).

Notice the baptism into Christ made them Abraham's seed spiritually and physically. As the seed of Abraham, they were heirs according to the promise. What was the promise? See again Romans 4:13:

"For the promise was not through law to Abraham, or to his seed, for him to be the heir of the world, but through a justification of persuasion"

I want you to know that all the sons of God are all capable of living persuasion, because they know that our Father has never broken a single promise to His people. We serve the Living God who cannot lie. It is for this reason that each son of God must bring his thoughts into subjection and into the final revelation of God. For our victory is assured when our people have persuasion and obedience to the Word of the Living God, to be of one mind and of one accord. But that is not the case today. The majority of our people behave like of bunch a sheep. They refuse to take personal responsibility, that is to say, they refuse to comply with the teachings of Christian stewardship. They are sidetracked or easily besetted into all manner of idolatrous practices. Some follow Jewish and pagan superstition. Others invent subjective philosophies that have no reality in the Word of the Living God. These are the people who bet their eternal existence on traditions of men and subjective feelings.

Today, the most publicized expression of experimental religion is tongue-speaking. Its advocates say that it is from God. This claim is based on three unscriptural assumptions: 1) The glossolalist's claim that his tongue-speaking is from God is primarily based on his own subjective experience which he interprets as a miracle. 2) Coupled with this claim is the reinforcement of his subjective experience as others are drawn into his own deception. All Satanic cults create a mutual admiration society, and this creates the testimony of others who, like themselves, believe that God has given them a special, exclusive, miraculous gift. Objective evidence is also claimed. Numerous reports are circulated about individuals who have never heard a certain foreign language, miraculously speaking fluently in that tongue. It must be observed, however, that no objective evidence has been produced by anybody at any time in any place to prove this claim. Yet, the Christian law of prove all things remains in force, and the responsibility for the deluded claims of proof falls upon those who make such claims. All it would take for the advocates of tongue-speaking to prove their point is to subject the phenomenon to a controlled scientific experiment. When this has been done, it has always been shown that the speech is not a language.

3) A third basis of their claim is the Scriptures themselves. All of the New Testament passages which speak of the gift of languages in the New Testament are applied to the current human phenomenon of tongue-speaking, and the problem with this is that you have ignorant, uneducated zealots, in most cases, women so-called preachers, who know nothing of history or the Greek

language, basing their claims upon bad English translations and subjective reasoning.

Holinessism and Pentecostalism was, in its beginning, at least as far as America is concerned, a product of the emotionalism of black slaves. It is for this reason that holinessism and Pentecostalism have always been the strongest advocates for race-mixing, in defiance of the expressly stated laws of God. But the New Testament gift of speaking many dialects and contemporary tongue-speaking cannot be compared. The New Testament gift was a miracle from God enabling men to speak in a language they had not learned, and the gift was given for a specific purpose and for a specific time frame. Contemporary tongue-speaking can claim neither purpose or reason for its practice. The current tongue-speaking is a human phenomenon known in all world religions, ancient and modern, and often completely outside of the religious experience.

The New Testament clearly teaches that the gift of speaking in languages existed in the early church. Such was the experience connected with the baptism of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4), and at the household of Cornelius (Acts 10:46). Such was manifested at Ephesus when the followers of John the Baptist received the laying on of the Apostles' hands (Acts 19:6). Such gifts existed at Corinth also. This church received the signs of an Apostle (II Cor. 12:12), and was not lacking in any gift (I Cor. 1:7). It was at Corinth that this gift of God was abused by the practices of men. Paul devoted three chapters in his letter trying to correct this abuse. The question is not, Did the gift of tongues exist in

the early church?" All would agree to this. The question is: Does the gift of tongues exist today?

The purpose of the New Testament gift has been fulfilled. There is no further need for it. Many signs, including the gift of tongues, accompanied the Apostles when they preached. New revelation always needs signs to show that the man and the message are from God. These signs were given by God to confirm the apostolic preachers for the establishment of the new Christian world order. If signs such as tongues did exist today then there must also be new revelation from God for these signs to confirm. The once for all faith given by apostolic men was confirmed by the once for all signs of apostolic men. The gift of tongues came in the early church by two means – the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of the Apostles' hands. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is still indeed available, but it was then accompanied by other signs, such as sounds like the rush of a mighty wind and sights like the cloven tongues of fire. Such no longer exists. Claims of the baptism of the Holy Spirit witnessed by speaking in tongues today portrays ignorance of what is involved in the New Testament event. For more information the Baptism of Fire, please see my books, *The Baptism of Fire*, and *Water Baptism*. The gift of tongues cannot be received through the laying on of the Apostles' hands since there are no Apostles living on earth. Claims that the Apostolic office still exists because of the non-specialized use of the term *apostolos,* which really means *ambassador*, in certain passages in the New Testament cannot be supported.

The New Testament itself predicts the passage and cessation of the special miraculous gifts. Paul,

in the context of discussing the gift of tongues, points out their duration:

> **"But if there are prophecies, they will be abolished; if languages, they will cease; if knowledge, it shall be abolished. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect thing comes, then that which is in part will be abolished"** (I Cor. 14:8-10 AST).

He says that they would cease. The middle voice is used of the Greek verb *pauo* meaning "cease of itself." The tongues would cease of themselves while miraculous knowledge and prophecy would fade away gradually with the coming of full revelation. Tongues are not even included as a part of the "perfect" which was to come. Paul said, **"For we know in part and we prophesy in part,"** but he said nothing of "speaking in tongues in part." Why did Paul say in part? Simply because the usurpers of the Jewish economy were still in force and had not been destroyed. Christ's authority as a true prophet was still a question of persuasion and not a fact of history. Both knowledge and prophecy are progressive and finally reach maturity. Tongues are in a different category. They were to confirm miraculous knowledge and prophecy, and were not an end within themselves. They would never reach maturity. They were to cease of themselves when they were no longer needed to confirm knowledge and prophesy. They were merely expedient.

Tongue-speaking is the contemporary psychological phenomenon of ecstatic utterances which is interpreted by its advocates as being a miraculous gift from God. It is common in all world religions, both ancient and modern. It is

found in pagan religions, spiritualism, and throughout the broad spectrum of Catholicism and Protestantism. Oftentimes it is found completely outside the religious context. One can learn so-called "tongue-speaking" through practice. It may also be induced through hypnotic suggestion. There is nothing divine or miraculous about it. It is purely a human phenomenon. There is nothing wrong with the phenomenon itself, it is the interpretation of it being a gift from God that is erroneous. The present phenomenon of so-called "tongue-speaking", like drugs, hypnosis and shock treatments, perhaps could be used under controlled situations by professionals to release anxiety and overcome inhibitions. It becomes error, however, when it is interpreted as being a **special gift from God.**

There are two basic errors that are found in the practice of contemporary tongue-speaking. Both of these errors are such that they destroy the faith of the individual, especially in that brand that has sought to attach itself to the Identity movement. First, tongue-speaking denies the sufficiency of the authority of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. Its very nature makes it new revelation, whether the speech is known or unknown, one word or a million words. If it comes from a miracle from God, then it is new revelation. It is something different from that which has gone before. Creeds are men's rational attempt to supplement Scripture. Tongue-speaking is men's irrational attempt to supplement Scripture. Both of them are erroneous because the Scriptures are sufficient. The faith that was once for all delivered unto the saints need not be supplemented by tongue-speaking (Jude 3), it simply needs to be understood in its original

language. The Scriptures are able to make a man of God complete (II Tim. 3:16). Tongue-speaking cannot add anything to their sufficiency. Furthermore, Paul states clearly that speaking in languages were only truly a gift from God if the other members of the Body benefited and understood what was being taught. In I Corinthians, chapter 14, Paul makes it clear that it is better to speak to the building up of the Body. In other words, there should be an interpreter present at least so that your words might be understood by the other members. In fact, Paul states that he speaks more languages than all of the Corinthians, but he would rather **"speak five words of my mind, that I may also instruct others, than ten thousand words in [another] language"** (I Cor. 14:19 AST).

A basic error of one who interprets tongue-speaking as being a gift from God is that he has made his experience the criteria of truth, and by that affirmation, denies the tenets of the common faith and common salvation, and at the same time, denies the finished work of Jesus Christ. He relies upon speech that he does not understand and interprets an experience that is subjective in its nature as a basis of his faith and practice. He is led by the experience of the moment. He regards no objective standard outside of himself as being above his own feelings. The tongue-speaking phenomenon becomes the central authority of all his faith and fellowship. He is therefore able to approve of other glossolalists who are radically opposed to him in doctrine and practice, and this includes race-mixing perverts and all manners of law-breakers.

It is significant that Unitarians, Jews, and even followers of pagan cults are sometimes to be found within the glossolalist phony fellowship. Doctrine can have little importance when the basis of one's religion is experience or tradition and every man's experience is different. Religion is made chaotic because nothing can be affirmed or denied except through feeling. A tongue-speaker cannot consistently reject the book of Mormon or other latter day revelations. The Mormons have long believed in "speaking in tongues." Of course, they also believe that one of the Apostles is still alive in Tibet. Tongue-speaking was a fundamental point of their faith when it originated on the American frontier. Tongue-speaking was one of the signs that confirmed the book of Mormon as being from God. If one affirms that tongue-speaking is from God, then he cannot deny latter day revelation.

The second consequence of tongue-speaking is that it is spiritually destructive to its participant. When one receives an experience and interprets it as being a gift from God, it causes him to feel that he has knowledge and spirituality that others do not have. He feels superior and looks condescendingly upon others who have not received the experience. In this way, he immediately alienates himself from the common faith and common salvation experience of the true sons of God. He interprets his tongue-speaking as being a mountaintop experience of great spiritual significance. He has found a short cut to spirituality without the humility of repentance and the spiritual exercise of prayer and diligent Bible study.

Thus, the Devil is the author of laziness and abdication of responsibility. It is a type of instant religion which is highly motivating, but without

substance. Faith that comes from a psychological experience will die when the psychological experience is understood. Faith that comes from a feeling of elation will die when there are feelings of depression. Faith that comes as a result of viewing something considered miraculous will die when it is shown to be a fraud. But persuasion that comes by hearing God's Word will always endure. One who knows Jesus does not need his religion propped up by psychological experiences. It is for these reasons that Pentecostalism must reinforce its emotionalism by teaching plutocratic materialism. This is achieved by stressing the truth of the favor that our Father desires for us in material things while never speaking of the warfare in the calling of God's people.

Glossolalia has swept through all religions. It is very popular in Catholicism as a reactionary movement to cold rituals. It has a fertile field in Protestantism, which for many decades has been saying, "What you feel down in your heart is the main substance of religion." Spiritualism and Pentecostalism are having their heyday in many of the South American countries. In the United States there has been a resurgence of paganism with its accompanying magic and mystical experiences. In Judeo-Christian churches tongue-speaking has sprung up in most metropolitan areas. Numerous churches have been split. Several churches have espoused it and numerous others are tolerating the practice in their midst. Those who have a strong reliance upon the objective authority of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures will not be carried away into error based upon subjective experiences or subjective philosophies. It is true that some have departed from the faith and others

will be diverted from the mainstream of the Christian Separatist movement in years to come because of this false doctrine. This is nothing new. Every generation has its schisms and errors. It is tragic that many individuals will have their faith weakened or ultimately destroyed by the criminals and con-artists produced by such subjective experience and philosophy. After men let go of the Anchor of the Rock of Christ they always find themselves drifting on the sea of life without anything to hold on to.

Subjective philosophy in whatever form it presents itself or whatever uncommon experience it may claim always degenerates into great deception. Men in lawlessness will always claim no law. Men lost to the common wealth of the Government of Christ will always claim that it is impossible for a child of God to fall from favor. Men who have never experienced the Baptism of Fire will always seek to substitute a carnal ritual, a form and a fashion. Men given to pagan superstition and phony spiritualism will always degenerate into believing the strong illusions. While it is sad that the majority allow the manifest satans to cheat them out of their God-given birthright, the greater tragedy is that such deceptions tap the strength of the white wing by causing God's true ministers to have to devote precious energies to the repudiation of those so easily sidetracked from the real issues. Individuals and community assemblies have to come to grips with the issue and teach boldly that tongue-speaking is not the miraculous gift of the New Testament, but a delusion of man. They have to stand on the final revelation of Jesus Christ and His finished work. Those who claim an unscriptural manifestation of Holy Spirit are in

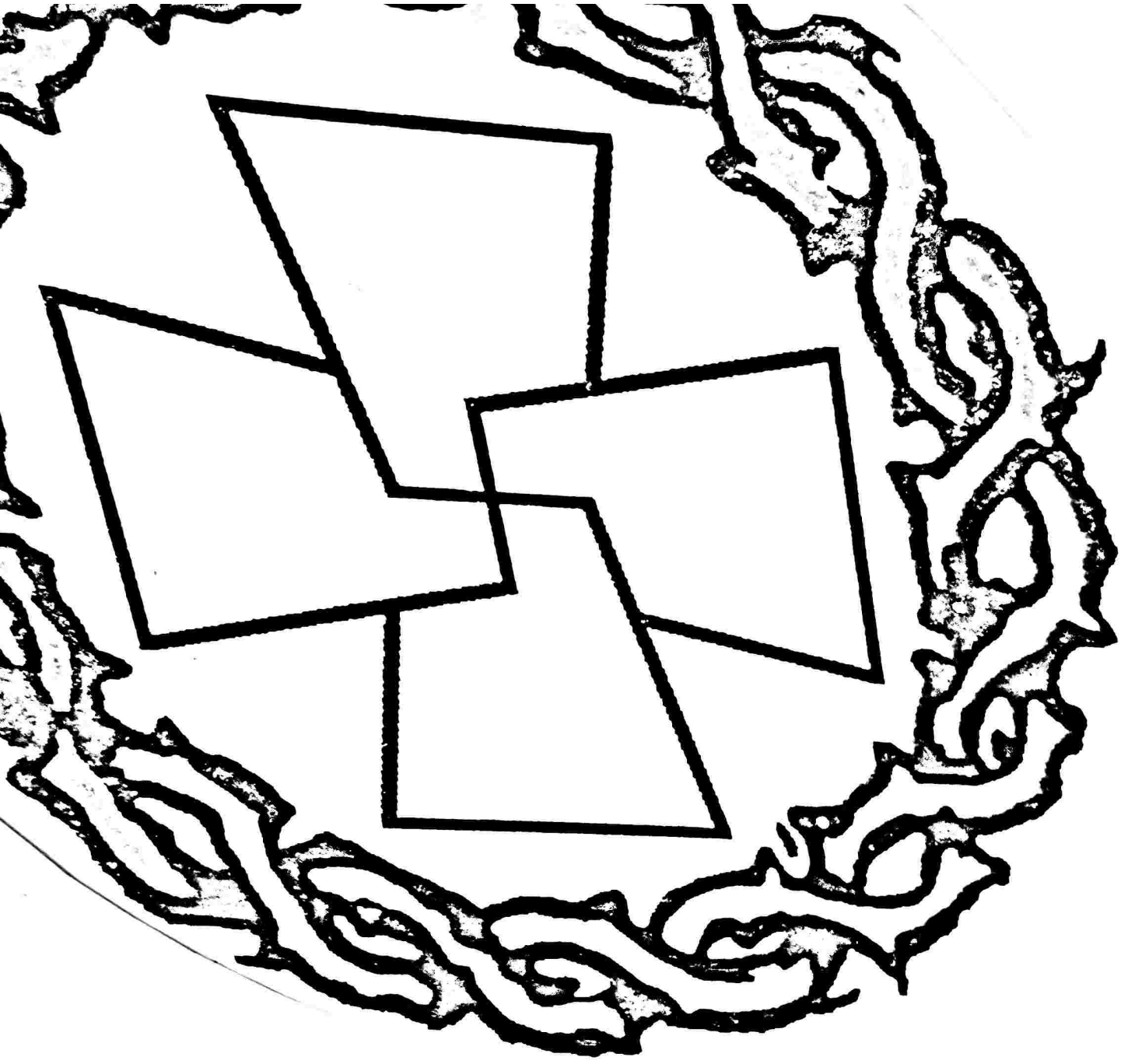
truth blasphemers and do not have true Holy Spirit, and for their own sakes, they need to be told the truth.

Those who are truly white will hear the voice of their Master, because they have ears to hear and eyes to see. Those who are not will continue in their gross deception and blasphemous activities because it is their destiny. But we as the Church, the Body Politic of the Living God, no longer need to speak in parables, we must speak plainly and address the true issues. We must call their hand, but we must do so under no false illusions that we will draw all white men caught up into such strong illusions and heady wine of the Babylon whore. Those that will be made free will be made free by God's Word and no other way. Once the issue is met and the Scriptures are investigated, the problem is solved. When the error is refuted and those who espouse it are exposed, they can no longer go around from house to house subverting the faith of the weak, whether that is through the Judeo so-called Christian media or the mailing lists of Jews and pagans who have attached themselves to Identity.

The cancer of blasphemy must be severed from the body. Judgment must begin at the house of God. As Separatists, we believe that only by adhering to Separatist principles can the body be made healthy and only a healthy body will have the fortitude and sufficient strength to achieve the victory in this generation. This is not to say that the body will solely bring about the victory, because it cannot. It is God our Father who will aid our achievement of victory, only when and if we prove ourselves worthy of the responsibility of victory. False teaching on tongues is but one spot upon the

garments of the collective body. There are many other Satanic lies that have been thrust upon the body as hideous stain, and as the divine race and chosen people, we must cleanse ourselves in the Baptism of Fire, proving ourselves worthy for the Master to bestow more rulership on His people.

Since the time of the deliverance of the authority of the Christian world order, the Christian persuasion has been assaulted by the manifest Satans in every conceivable direction. The flock of God have been scattered and the wolves have continuously destroyed. But the Master's call to victory was given when He walked the earth. Those who refuse to hear His voice help the enemy in scattering the flock. Someone may ask, When will the victory come? It will come for you as an individual the day you yield yourself to the leadership of the Holy Spirit of Truth, and it will come for us collectively when we comply with that same principle, to be of one mind and one accord. But those who are drawn off into subjective philosophies and leave the standard of the pure Word of God are like those of whom John writes:

> **"They went out from us but they were not of us, for if they were of us, they would have remained with us, but [*they went*] so that it might be revealed that they were not all of us"** (I John 2:19 AST).

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